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The following is a summary of information on Soviet-occupied airfields and air activities received prior to 18 October 1955:

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1. General:

Intensive air activity was continued by the 24th Air Army in connection with fall maneuvers. The Schlotheim auxiliary airfield has been completed.

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2. Aircraft Count:

Jueterbog:	77 MiG-15's/17's on 11 October.
Finow:	50 MiG-15's/17's (approximately) on 11 October.
Koethen:	55 MiG-15's/17's on 10 October.
Neuruppin:	22 MiG-15's/17's and one Il-28 on 8 October.
Werneuchen:	61 Il-28's on 12 October
Oranienburg:	34 Il-28's and two Li-2's on 7 October.
Briesen:	52 Il-28's on 5 October and 23 on 8 October.
Stendal:	5 Il-10's on 4 October.
Schoenwalde:	4 Po-2's on 7 October.
Reinsdorf:	No aircraft on 7 October.

3. Air Activity:

- At 1700 hours on 30 September, approximately 90 Il-10's crossed Stendal.
- On 3 October, formation of up to nine MiG/15's/17's repeatedly crossed Neuruppin airfield.
- On 5 October, one formation of 39 MiG-15's/17's was seen over Jueterbog.
- On 8 October, 27 Il-28's took off from Oranienburg for formation flying.

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- e. Between 8 and 10 October, MiG-15's/17's were still parked in maneuver-like arrangements in the revetments at the Koethen airfield.
- f. Between 0830 and 1700 hours on 5 and 6 October, bombs were dropped by MiG-15's/17's over the Schweinrich (Gadow-Rosow) training field.
- g. On 19 September, approximately 75 parachutists jumped simultaneously from nine transports over Reinsdorf.
- h. On 29 September, two-twin rotor helicopters were seen at an altitude of 700 meters over Mens southwest of Fuerstenberg. <sup>1</sup>

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5. Construction Projects:

- a. The improvement of the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is to begin in November 1955.
- b. On 17 September, two tractors and two boxcars from Schlotheim arrived in Brandis.
- c. On 9 October, no construction work was observed at the Schlotheim airfield. The auxiliary runway was estimated to be 1500 x 12 meters. Seven large tents and two house trailers were seen at the airfield. <sup>3</sup>

6. Miscellaneous:

Regular air traffic by the East German Lufthansa is to begin on 1 January 1956. <sup>4</sup>

1. Comment: Helicopters with two rotors were also seen over Altenberg on 27 July 1955.

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2. Comment:

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it may be possible that these aircraft belong to other airfields and were merely stationed at Justerbog during the maneuvers.

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3. Comment: The construction of the auxiliary runway at the Schlotheim airfield has presumably been completed. The estimation that the width is 12 meters appears to be too small; however, it is possible that this is only a taxiway.

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4. Comment: The flight to Moscow of the GDR delegation was presumably announced as the first flight of the East German Lufthansa for propaganda purposes.

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